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MY IDEA OF CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP

Bill MacCormack, High School

Although the first Canadian citizen was created the day the Confederation Act was passed, there were many generations of Canadians before the passing of this bill. Columbus had the idea of true citizenship when he strove against great difficulties to search into the great unknown for the benefit of mankind.

After Columbus followed Cartier, Champlain, Sir John A. MacDonnell and many lesser heroes, some of whom are commemorated by monuments and many others of whom the world has forgot. Since the Confederation Act there have followed eras of prosperity, depression, happiness and dejection. Canada still led the way during all times, giving greater freedoms to her people than any other nation. Canadians have never suffered under a dictatorship nor have they been under the thumb of a despotic king. Thus the Canadian of today is a more intelligent, freedom-loving and patient person than any other citizen.

A Canadian has many privileges and much freedom that are taken for granted, forgetting the "Blood, sweat and tears" that were poured out in an attempt to make Canada just a little bit better than other nations. A Canadian has educational opportunities which are found elsewhere only in the United States. There are few countries indeed, which allow one to enter an excellent, tax-paid school regardless of one's colour, creed, or social denomination. The three freedoms of Speech, Thought, and Religion are nowhere more widely observed than in Canada, for which we should be duly grateful. Canada, being a democracy has government by the people and for the people. Moreover, the secret ballot and election laws, prohibit undue influence upon voters as is practiced in communist and fascist lands. Our armed and police forces, fire departments, banks and insurance companies guard our well-being and safety twenty-four hours a day, often risking their lives that we may live in peace of mind and body. We should be thankful for all the civil servants who work in our benefit. Our laws are made so that the legal rights of each Canadian are fully protected. Our laws are built upon the Golden Rule, allowing all equal benefits and privileges.

Each citizen of our country has more responsibilities than he realizes. Only if every Canadian remembers this, will Canada remain an outstanding example of democracy at work. A Canadian citizen should be willing to participate in government affairs and to protect our country in time of war. It is also his duty to uphold the laws for they were made by him for his and others' benefit. The laws of our country apply to everyone from the youngest child to the Prime Minister himself, excepting no one.

At this time Canadians have a great responsibility to help war-torn countries which are unable to exist without financial and political aid. Communism is spreading over the world and Canada and the United States must remain the strongholds against unrestricted Socialism. Therefore, Canada must remain the free and democratic country it is, and continue being the land of opportunity for her people.

land by cutting off too many trees. In China, there is a great desert where they just went in the forest and cut down just about every tree. Many people cared nothing of trees. If there were no trees on the earth, it would not be much use to men. If we do not keep nature in balance our land may dry up and would not be worth working. We should plant trees on hill sides where working the land is very hard, and the pasture is poor. The government will supply trees and information and you do the work. It is not just the work of farmers, but the work of everybody in Canada. It is as important to other the laws of nature, as the laws of our country.

In some countries people are beaten for the colour of their skin, or what church they go to, or what they believe is right. There is no sense in beating up somebody because he does not go to the same church, or his skin is not the color of yours. God does not look on you to be more important than he. Negroes are often the ones that are beaten because the whites do not like to see them in parks, or in swimming pools. They think they are dirty. We Canadians are not too bad for doing that but we could improve. Give negroes, Indians and Chinese as much consideration as your friends. This is very important in being a good citizen, to consider others as well as yourself.

I have given as well as I can "My Idea of Canadian Citizenship", although there are many other ways. I think I have given some of the most important ways to be a good citizen.

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MY IDEA OF CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP

Sandy Mackenzie, Public School

To become a Canadian citizen you first of all, obey the laws. At this time many people chiefly from Europe are coming to Canada. The reason mainly for coming to a country where you can say what you desire, is to get away from dictators. They come here hoping to start a new life in this great country of ours, where there are so many lines of work from which to choose. The first year in Canada they have to work on farms, and the women do housework. After that they may do what they wish. Many families come each year from other countries and find it much better here, although they have to work to make a living.

We live in this country where our ancestors fought and killed, to make this a free democratic nation. Many of our forefathers fought and died for what they thought was right. Perhaps some of your relations died in the second world war to protect our nation. But if another war is started many people may be killed, land made useless by many powerful weapons. Men have invented many useful things and many harmful things that can cause great destruction. We are the coming generation and it may be our turn next to guard our nation against invading countries. You and I would not like to live like many people in Russia and countries surrounding her. They have heavy taxes forced on them and many other burdens forced upon them. They are always afraid they are going to be put in concentration camps. Often they never leave. Use your own head, don't let men who are good speakers promise you many things that may never come true.

Consideration is very important. Men have been known to ruin

LIMEHOUSE

Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Lindsay and Mrs. John Glynn were new members welcomed at the recent communion services at Limehouse Presbyterian Church. Two infants were baptized at last Sunday's service. Lillian Joyce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brown and Mary Lou, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Brown, Rev. Alex Calder sang a solo "The Plains of Peace," accompanied by Mr. Kenneth Harrison.

Mrs. Gray in charge of the Cradle Roll arranged a Good Friday service at the church, with small children providing the program. Peter Glynn sang a solo "Billie Sunday" played an instrumental and Dorothy Kirkpatrick sang, accompanied by sister Kathleen. Mrs. A. W. Benton read the Scripture lesson. Mrs. William Cromar was an interesting guest speaker, outlining the life of several important women of the Bible. Miss Barbara Cromar, accompanied by Mrs. H. Norton sang a solo at the close. Afternoon tea was served.

The W.A. held a euchre in the Hall on Thursday evening, prizes going to Mrs. Meldrim Stark and Mr. W. I. Mills. A bountiful lunch was served afterwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Welbourne of Toronto and Mrs. Geary Sr. visited the Fred Gearys over the holiday. Visitors with Mrs. Lane included Mr. and Mrs. Ted Morrow and Elaine of Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lane and children of Georgetown.

Mr. A. C. Bourne of Ridley College is spending Easter vacation with his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Herrington and children of Lakeview visited his parents recently.

Mr. Alex Wright was home for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Roughley and David visited at Aurora on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glynn and Peter visited at Woodbridge on Sunday.

Sports lovers will be interested to know that Limehouse is again organizing a softball team to compete in the Georgetown industrial league. At a meeting held Monday in the Memorial Hall, officers were elected as follows:

President—Cyril Clarke
Vice-Pres.—Thomas Sutton
Secretary—Elliott Berg
Committee—George Burt, Tom Norton, Bernard Spitzer, Joe Scott.
Manager—Chic Apkin.

A euchre and dance is planned for next week to raise funds for the team and everyone is asked to attend the party and help out the team.

BALLINAFAD

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Taylor and Valerie of Toronto were Easter visitors with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Allan.

Miss Lydia Snow has been taking a special course in economic geography in Guelph.

Mr. Alf Swindhurst has sold his farm to his nephew Lloyd Swindhurst, and has moved into the cottage beside the garage near the village.

Mr. Garnet Sinclair motored to Guelph Friday night and took a load of hockey fans in to see the game between the Blitmores and Porcupine Combines.

Our Blue Mountain School Choir is to be congratulated on their high standing at the Halton Music Festival. They will compete again in Milton.

Paul and Carl Smith, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. D. Smith of Toronto are spending the holidays with their aunt, Mrs. Wm. Cassidy.

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